21 fairs/exhibitions abroad during 1996-97 till January'97 viz. Nairobi Int'1 Fair, Tehran Int'I Fair; IFMA Cologne; SAIL Food Fair Paris; S. Arabia InI'l Fair; SAITEX Johannesburg; Quang Tseng Int'l Fair; Dakar Int'l Fair; Royal Auckland; Carribean Expo Sapin; Asia Leather Fair Hongkong; Living Exh. Tel Aviv; Hardware Shoe Chicago; Taipei Int'l Fair Taiwan; Pret-A-Porter Paris; Semaine Du Cuir Paris; Budapest Int'l Fair; Heimtextile Frankfurt; Domatex Hannover; including two Indian Exhibitions in Kazakhistan and Brazil.

Apart from above, ITPO organised 5 Buyers-Sellers Meets; 6 Specialised Fairs and Indian Product Fair abroad.

ITPO also organised 10 fairs in India viz. Consumexh; Delhi Book Fair; Mystique India; Shoe Fair; Shoe Compl. IITF'96; NCF; Winter Show; Tex Style and Leather Fair, and 22 fairs were also hosted by ITPO in Pragati Maidan, which are Sports Show; Car Display; Garments Fair; Fantasy Fair; World Poultry; Health & Medicare; Power Gen; Air-Conditioners Kits & Components; Home. Computer; Metallurgy Int'l; Jewellery Shoe; Yoga Festival; IT India/ Comdes; Broadcast; Gartex; Petrotech; Motor Show; Finanstreet; Fantasy Fair; Inside Outside Show; Garment Fair and Handicrafts Fair.

(b) During the above period, an expenditure amounting to Rs. 213S lakhs has been incurred and a total income to the tune of Rs. 4143 lakhs has been generated by ITPO through organisation of trade fairs.

Export and Import of Wheat and Rice

921. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:
SHRIMAT ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of rice and wheat exported from the country during the last 6 months; and

(b) the quantum and value of these two commodities imported during the last 3 months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) The total quantity and value of rice and wheat exported during the period April-December, 1996 is as under:—

Quantity : in lakh MTs

Value : Rs. in Crores

Commodity	Quantity	Value
Rice (Basmati)	3.42	794.11
Rice (Non-Basaiati)	16.17	1563.73
Wheat	10.92	679.00

(Source: DGCI&S, CALCUTTA)

(b) No rice was imported during last three months. 4.61 lakh tonnes of wheat has been imported upto 25.02.1997 at an average C&F cost of Rs. 6227/- PMT approximately.

Truck loaded with foodgrains missing in Jammu

922. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether 183 trucks loaded with foodgrains from Jammu to various parts of the Jammu and Kashmir State were -missing, as reported by "Hindu" dated 4th January, 1997;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) whether in last seven years 1000 loaded trucks have disappeared;

(d) if so, the results of the same;

(e) whether responsibility has been fixed for this loss; and

(f) the remedial steps taken to ensure that such things do not recur?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes Sir, upto 1993-94 a total of 186 and not 183 trucks as stated in the newspaper report have been reported to be missing.

(b) FCI has taken a number of actions in this regard as follows:

(i) Lodging of FIR with the Police.

(ii) Filing of Civil Suits against the defaulting transporters.